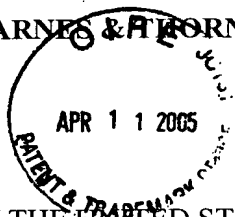


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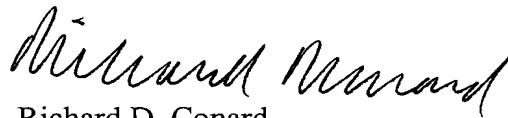
The rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7 and 12 under 35 U. S. C § 102 is thus overcome.

The Examiner rejected claims 4, 8-11 and 13-15 under 35 U. S. C. § 103. The Examiner relied upon Luzzi to support these rejections. Luzzi is deficient for its failure to show multiple output ports, as discussed above. Claims 4, 8-11 and 13-15 depend directly or indirectly from one or the other of claims 1 and 12. Claims 4, 8-11 and 13-15 therefore distinguish patentably from Luzzi for at least these reasons.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration, culminating in allowance of all the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be due to constitute this a timely response to the January 7, 2005 official action to Applicants' undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 with reference to file number 3030-73043. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for that purpose.

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